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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, UNESCO

SUBJECT: PROFESSOR LEMAIRE CONSULTATION

1. PERM DEL SHOULD QUIETLY AND INFORMALLY CONTACT  
PROFESSOR RAYMOND LEMAIRE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NEXT VISIT  
TO PARIS AND DISCUSS THE JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS WITH HIM.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO GET LEMAIRE'S VIEWS ON ANY AND ALL  
ASPECTS OF THE EXCAVATIONS BUT IN PARTICULAR ON FOLLOWING:

A) IS IT TRUE THAT PROFESSOR MAZAR'S EXCAVATIONS ARE  
BEING TERMINATED?

B) HOW MANY OTHER EXCAVATION SITES WILL CONTINUE BEING  
WORKED, AND WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE SITES IN  
RELATION TO MUSLIM CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS MONUMENTS?

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C) WHAT ABOUT THE RUMORED EXCAVATIONS THAT ARE SOON TO  
START IN THE AREA SOUTH OF HARM AS SHARIF, KNOWN AS  
"THE CITY OF DAVID?" DOES THIS SITE ABUT DIRECTLY ON THE  
SOUTH WALL, OR DOES IT STOP AT THE SMALL ROAD THAT RUNS  
NEAR THE FOOT OF THE WALL?

D) WHAT CAN BE DONE BETWEEN NOW AND MAY IN THE WAY OF MAKING AN ANNOUNCEMENT RELATING TO THE EXCAVATIONS, BY WHATEVER SOURCE IS WILLING TO MAKE SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT?

E) HOW CAREFUL HAVE THE ARCHEOLOGISTS BEEN IN SAFEGUARDING THE BUILDINGS IN THE AREA OF THE EXCAVATIONS?

F) WHY HAS HIS REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC?

G) WERE THE EXCERPTS OF HIS REPORT THAT HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS TOTAL REPORT? IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE READ THE EXCERPTS CAREFULLY, WILL WE HAVE A GOOD IDEA OF THE TENOR OF THE FULL REPORT?  
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